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COUNTY**



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FOREWORD

At the close of each year the Pender-New Hanover County ASC Committees publish an annual report to keep the public abreast of ASCS operations in the county. ASCS is an organization developed for the purpose of achieving the greatest protection and improvement of the natural resources of the farms in our nation. The goal of the organization is to assure farmers a fair share of the national income.

We have attempted to give a brief explanation of each of the programs administered by ASCS during 1978. We hope that through this report we can promote a clearer understanding of ASCS's purpose and function.

We greatly acknowledge the efforts put forth by the committeemen, farmers, other agricultural agencies, our District Director, and our State Office Staff, to make our operation a success in the Pender-New Hanover County Office during 1978.

The Pender County office is located in the county seat, Burgaw, N. C., on highway 117A south. A sub office is maintained in Wilmington located in the Post Office Building at Front and Chestnut Streets. Our office hours are from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Monday through Friday in Pender and 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Monday through Wednesday in New Hanover.

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PRICE SUPPORT

Price support programs are administered by ASCS to aid the farmer in obtaining fair prices for what he produces and to promote orderly marketing.

FARM STORAGE AND DRYING EQUIPMENT LOANS

Loans are made available to producers to finance the purchase of farm storage facilities and drying equipment.

FARM STORAGE STRUCTURE LOANS

Loans Disbursed	33
Loan Capacity	208,433
Amount of Loans Disbursed	226,962.72
Number of Outstanding Loans	80
Amount of Outstanding Loans	427,536.77

DRYING EQUIPMENT LOANS

Loans Disbursed	3
Amount of Loans Disbursed	\$9,508.76
Number of Outstanding Loans	16
Amount of Outstanding Loans	\$70,406.68

FARM STORED COMMODITY LOANS

Price support commodity loans were available on corn, soybeans, oats, peanuts, rye, barley and grain sorghum.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bushels</u>
<u>Farm Stored:</u>			
Corn	23	\$327,205.80	151,430
Soybeans	4	\$41,034.60	9,180
Honey	1	\$12,079.08	
<u>Warehouse Stored:</u>			
Corn	4	\$34,916.09	15,870

PEANUTS

Peanuts are considered one of the basic cash crops in our county. In 1978 peanut farms had a farm poundage quota established for each farm. Peanut farmers could sell all peanuts produced on a farm, however, peanuts sold above the established poundage quota were sold at a lower price support rate.

A referendum was held in December of 1977 for the 1978-1980 crops of peanuts.

1978 PEANUT PROGRAM DATA

Number of allotments	157
Number of Acres Allotted	1364.5
Preliminary Farm Poundage Quota	2,778,555
Final Farm Poundage Quota	2,205,067
Total Acres Harvested	956.3
Total Production	2,565,550
Yield Per Acre	2254

Lease and Transfer:

Number of Farms Leasing	72
Number of Farms Receiving	45
Pounds Leased	737,648
Acres Leased	495.5

COTTON

There are 91 cotton farms with a total allotment of 167.5 acres in our county. There were no marketing quotas or penalties on cotton in 1978. No cotton was planted in our county in 1978.

COMPLIANCE

Compliance is an important function in ASCS. In 1978 farmers who were growing marketing quota crops and feed grains were required to report their acreage by certifying to the acreage of tobacco, peanuts, corn, wheat and set-aside.

DATA FOR 1978

Staking and Referencing Service	90
Measurement Service	0

REGULAR COMPLIANCE PERFORMED

<u>Name of Crop</u>	<u>No. of Farms Measured</u>	<u>No. of Farms Certified</u>
Tobacco	104	427
Peanuts	22	67
Corn	100	845
Wheat	1	3
Set-Aside	20	116
NCA	52	383

RECONSTITUTIONS

Farms must be reconstituted whenever:

- A. A change has occurred in the operation of the farm.
- B. An owner requests in writing that his land no longer be included in a multiple ownership farm.
- C. The farm is not properly constituted.

STATISTICS

Number of Reconstitutions	79
In-County Transfers	0
Out-County Transfers	3

PRODUCTION ADJUSTMENT

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as enacted on February 6, 1938, contained the first authorization for our present acreage allotment and marketing quota program. The Act authorizes acreage allotment and marketing quotas on wheat, tobacco, cotton, peanuts and rice.

Acreage allotment and marketing quotas are designed as a means of keeping supplies of agricultural commodities in line with demand. Marketing quotas must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a referendum before they may be placed in effect.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

Flue-cured tobacco is the number one cash crop in the county. The 1978 crop accounted for approximately \$7,620,435.00 of the total farm income in the county. The acreage-poundage program put in effect in the county in 1965 was designed to bring production into better balance with demand, improve quality and stimulate exports.

1978 TOBACCO PROGRAM DATA

Number of Allotments	1631
Number of Acres Allotted	2,953.02
Basic Quota	5,228,137
Undermarketed	528,008
Overmarketed	245,497
Effective Quota	5,520,537
Total Production	5,876,630
Lease and Transfer	
Farms Leasing Tobacco	1,146
Farms Receiving Leased Tobacco	286
Pounds Leased	3,117,283

FEED GRAIN AND WHEAT PROGRAM

Participation in the 1978 Feed grain Program was completely voluntary. To be eligible for deficiency and disaster payments, and loan eligibility, producers could enroll in the Set-Aside Program.

Set-Aside acres plus planted acres could not exceed the normal crop acreage established for the farm.

A farm's Normal Crop Acreage (NCA) consist of the total number of acres normally planted to barley, corn, oats, rye, sorghum, soybeans, sugarbeets, sugar cane, sunflowers, cotton, wheat, edible beans and flax.

PARTICIPATION DATA

Total NCA Established	46,156
No. of Farms with Established NCA	1,694
Number of Disaster Applications filed	13
Number of Disaster Approved	11
Number of Producers Receiving Deficiency Payments	125

BEEKEEPER INDEMNITY PAYMENT PROGRAM

The Beekeeper Indemnity Payment Program is administered by the ASCS Office, and established to assist beekeepers in the event of bee losses as the result of pesticide use. All beekeepers in the county should file a report of bees owned.

During 1978 eight beekeepers filed applications for bee losses. Amounting to \$5,032.58.

1978 ACP AND FIP

County Allocation (ACP)	\$31,065.00
County Allocation (FIP)	\$22,423.00
Number of Participating Farms	102
Cost-share Assistance to Farmers	\$21,762.00

USDA COUNTY EMERGENCY BOARD

A National Defense Board has been established in USDA. Every county has an organized USDA County Emergency Board. The Board is composed of the head of USDA agencies with major defense assignments. The County Executive Director is Chairman of the USDA County Emergency Board.

The Board provides advice and assistance in carrying out defense and related emergency production, processing, and distribution problems in food and agriculture that would follow a nuclear attack; and to provide defense against chemical and biological warfare, as well as radiological fallout in relation to crops and livestock. It is the duty of the Board to act in time of emergency to stabilize the distribution of food, farm equipment and supplies; and to act for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in any areas as needed.

PENDER COUNTY EMERGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

Casper Wells, ASCS, Chairman

Edward Johnson, Farmers Home Administration

William F. Walker, County Extension

John Ray, Soil Conservation Service

APPRECIATION

OUR SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO:

Pender County Board of Commissioners and Taxpayers for our conveniently located office.

State Office personnel who have been so cooperative and understanding.

Our District Director for his helpfulness, patience and understanding.

Community Committeemen for their loyalty, cooperation and advice.

The Pender Chronicle and Pender Post for relaying articles and news to the public.

Vendors and others who have cooperated so faithfully.

Radio Station WVBS and TV Station WECT for their cooperation in covering our programs.

Other agricultural agencies for their unselfish cooperation in helping to make our programs a success.

And last, but by no means, least, to our farmers for their fine cooperative spirit. We believe the understanding and public relations between the ASCS Office and farmers of Pender and New Hanover counties are unmatched.

OUR CREED

WE AS MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCEPT OUR OBLIGATION AND OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY WELL AND IN FULL MEASURE. WE BELIEVE IT IS OUR DUTY...

- * To administer faithfully the federal programs and functions assigned to us.
- * To put loyalty to the highest moral principles above loyalty to persons or party.
- * To serve the public with fairness, courtesy, integrity and understanding.
- * To give a full day's labor for a full day's pay, giving to the performance of our duties earnest effort and our best thought.
- * To develop our personal resources by seeking always to improve economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of our work.
- * To be a good neighbor and a substantial contributor to the general welfare of our community, being mindful of the common sources of all our blessings.

...AND THUS DO OUR PART IN PERFORMING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONSERVING OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES, AND IN FURTHERING THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

